REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-10 and 10-24 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-2, 7-10, 12-15, 19, 21, and 23 are amended and claims 3 and 11 are canceled.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 3, 11-18, and 19-22 contain allowable subject matter.

Figures 6a and 6b have been objected to. A replacement sheet clearly showing a "prior art" marking is enclosed. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has made several suggestions regarding amending the claims to improve readability. Applicants have followed the Examiner's suggestions in many instances.

I.   35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten to over come the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Applicants have followed the Examiner's suggestions and have incorporated the preamble of claim 10 into now independent claim 19 to overcome the rejection. Furthermore, Applicants submit that dependent claims 20-22 are allowable for at least the same reasons as allowable independent claim 19. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 7, 15, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant claims as the invention.

Claims 7, 15, and 23 have been amended to overcome the rejections. Regarding claims 7 and 23 the term "such as" has been deleted. Regarding claim 15, Applicants have

deleted the phrase "a wax material". Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

II.   35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ishihara et al. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishihara in view of Ishihara. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP58-72414 in view of Ishihara. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pitcher.

Independent claims 1 and 23 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 3. Independent claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 11. As such, claim 3 and 11 are now canceled. Furthermore, Applicants submit that dependent claims 2 and 4-9 are patentable for at least the same reasons as now allowable independent claim 1; dependent claims 12-18 are patentable for at least the same reasons as now allowable independent claim 10; and claim 24 is patentable for at least the same reasons as now allowable independent claim 23. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

III.   Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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    Replacement Sheet

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets makes changes to Figs. 6a-6b and replaces

the original sheets with Figs. 6a-6b.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet[s]